

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the number “23” after the word “belt pack” on Page 13, Line 13 of the specification.

Please add the following language on Page 8, Line 9 after the word “forth”; “to form a connection means for connecting the tube sections.”

As described in the summary, Page 3, Lines 11-17 and Page 5, Lines 20-23, in the specification, Page 8, Lines 7-9, Page 9, Lines 1-2, and shown in Figs. 4, the connection means comprises the tapered concentric tube sections that are nested inside each other.

However, as noted below, the claims have been amended to more clearly define the structural features of the present invention. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments overcome the Examiner’s objections. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the objections to the specification.